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LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS GREEN-LIGHT \$52 MILLION IN NEAR-TERM AIR QUALITY MEASURES

BOARD-ADOPTED "AMP" POLICY RESOLUTION ALSO INCLUDES NEARLY \$6.5 MILLION IN CUSTOMER INCENTIVE FUNDING



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Los Angeles Harbor Commissioners approved nearly \$52.9 million in funding to support a number of near-term air quality measures as part of the Port of Los Angeles Clean Air Program.

Recommended by Port staff and the Air Quality Subcommittee of the Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC), the measures that will come into effect over the next four years are expected to provide emissions reductions of up to 2,653 tons of NOx, 270 tons of PM10, 249 tons of PM2.5, and 756 tons of SO2. The measures will fold into other efforts underway in pursuit of Mayor Jim Hahn's no net increase in Port emissions policy.

Separately, Harbor Commissioners approved a policy resolution to promote Mayor Hahn's Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) program by helping each existing Port customer underwrite the cost of building or retrofitting their first container ship to run on electrical power when berthed at the Port. The financial incentive is capped at \$810,000 per container steamship line or Affiliate company that has signed the Port's Alternative Maritime Power Program MOU. Eight companies currently qualify for the incentive.

The Port of Los Angeles is the only port worldwide where berthed Container ships are running on shoreside electrical power, a practice the Port wants to aggressively expand over the next two years.

Port of Los Angeles Air Quality Measures

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“This past year, we explored and pioneered a number of critical environmental measures that will help the Port of Los Angeles keep air emissions in check,” said Mayor Jim Hahn. “The steps taken by the Port in 2004 -- which include the launch of our MAP program in July, our state-of-the-art air quality monitoring program, near-term air improvements and an AMP incentives program -- provide a critical progression toward meeting my goal of no net increase in air emissions. These measures are equivalent to removing over 400 trucks from the road for 10 years, or eliminating the equivalent of more than 5 million truck trips for the Port to downtown railyards.”

The Port of Los Angeles is America’s premier port. As the leading containerport in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable, well paying jobs. It has also placed a high priority on smart growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supporting department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles...Anchoring a Bright Future.

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